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Intrepid Potash - Wendover, Utah

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Subject: Status of the Intrepid Potash, Wendover Facility, Mine and Reclamation Plan

Dear Doug,

This correspondence is intended to provide the current status of the preparation of the updated Mining and Reclamation Plan for the Intrepid Potash Wendover facility. As you are aware, an integral part of the effort involved the development of a digitized base map of the area. The base map has been completed (as of express delivery today) by Intermountain Aerial Surveys (IAS) of Salt Lake City and will be used to complete the Mining and Reclamation Plan.

We have initiated construction of CAD versions of the maps to be used in the preparation of the Mining and Reclamation Plan. The CAD versions will also be used to site the hydrologic monitoring points. It is our intent to use the hydrologic data to help determine / support / justify proposed reclamation strategies, provide data to support royalty calculations and potentially guide / maximize brine collection. To the degree possible we will want to coordinate the hydrologic efforts by the BLM with our investigation.

As per the attached schedule, we expect to complete the Mining and Reclamation Plan and submit the draft document to the State of Utah DOGM by October 28, 2005. As we get into the process of defining the proposed reclamation specifics we would like to meet and interact with appropriate DOGM personnel as necessary to streamline the review and interaction process. A meeting at Wendover, early in the plan development process (September 7), once we have defined the conceptual reclamation approach is proposed.

Should you have any questions please contact Rick York, Rick Klein, Greg Foy or myself.

Sincerely,

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Updated Schedule

Preparation and Submittal of the Mine and Reclamation Plan

Document Submission to the DOGM

Wendover Potash Facility

Wendover, Utah

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<u>Mine and reclamation Plan Element</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>
Completion of Digitized Site Files	7-6-05
Construction of CAD base maps	7-29-05
Hydrologic field program installation definition	7-27-05
Hydrologic field installation	8-12-05
Hydrologic field work / data acquisition	8-26-05 *
Completion of Mine Plan	9-2-05
DOGM / Intrepid Status Meeting – Provide draft mine plan, review hydrological results, present reclamation approach	9-7-05
Completion of Reclamation Plan	10-28-05
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Post mining land use<input type="checkbox"/> Ditch / pond reclamation<input type="checkbox"/> Structure dismantling and demolition<input type="checkbox"/> Post closure controls<input type="checkbox"/> Bond calculation	
Draft Mining and Reclamation Plan Submittal to DOGM	10-28-05
DOGM review	_____

Notes

* Data acquisition will be an on-going to continuously provide hydrological information.

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